

THOMAS R. WHITE—WIDOW OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 316.]

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MARCH 9, 1860.

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Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elmira White, widow of Captain Thomas R. White, report:*

That they have examined the case, together with the evidence accompanying the same, and are of the opinion that it is a case justifying the favorable action of Congress. They find that it has been twice reported favorably upon by this committee, and they adopt the report made by the committee at the third session of the thirty-fourth Congress.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *January 10, 1857.*

Mr. FLORENCE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following report:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elmira White, ask leave to submit the following report:*

Your committee have carefully examined and considered the petition, papers, and evidence accompanying the same, and find that Thomas R. White entered the service as a captain of volunteers at twenty-three years of age, in good health and a robust constitution, in the month of December, 1812, and marched early in the spring of 1813 to the Canadian frontier, where he was taken sick with fever and ague and diarrhoea—diseases both prevalent and fatal with our troops in that campaign—and which so reduced him that he was obliged to leave the service in the most feeble condition of health. His barber, the nurse who attended him in his last sickness, and his attending physician, all testify that his disease was contracted while in the line of duty, and in consequence thereof he was disabled from any further service, almost entirely deprived of the performance of any sort of business by which to obtain a subsistence throughout the remnant of

his days. He was honorably discharged from the service, lingered in feeble health, and died young, leaving a widow, the petitioner, who is still his widow, in needy circumstances, compelled to support herself and two young children, and who is now advanced in years.

Your committee can conceive little or no distinction between the soldier who falls by the hand of the enemy and the one who falls by a prevailing epidemic while in the line of his duty.

And your committee, from a view of the evidence in the case, and all the facts which have come to their knowledge, are of the opinion that this claim is highly meritorious, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. They therefore report the accompanying bill.